

## Secretary LaHood's Call to Action

### Pipeline Safety Chronology

- **April 4, 2011:** Secretary LaHood issued Call to Action, urging pipeline owners and operators to conduct comprehensive reviews and identify high risk pipeline and accelerate critical repair and replacement work
- **April 2011:** Created Pipeline Safety Awareness Website
- **July 2011:** Held the Managing Challenges with Pipeline Seam Welds workshop to discuss the integrity of these seams, which NTSB cited as a cause in the San Bruno tragedy. Approximately 265 attended and more than 250 participated via the webcast
- **July 2011:** Held the Improving Pipeline Risks, Assessments and Recordkeeping workshop to exchange info on identifying threats and improving risk assessments and record keeping for onshore pipelines. NTSB cited recordkeeping and retention as a contributing cause in the San Bruno accident. Approximately 230 attended and more than 300 participated via the webcast. Audience consisted of representatives from the pipeline industry, government and the general public
- **August 2011:** Issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on improving the safety of onshore gas transmission lines
- **November 1-3, 2011:** PHMSA and CPUC conducted an inspection of PG&E's public awareness pipeline program
- **December 2011:** PHMSA held Emergency Responder Forum following up on first responder issues related to the pipeline incident in San Bruno. More than 150 attended and more than 200 participated via the webcast. Audience consisted of representatives from the pipeline industry, government and the general public
- **January 2012:** President Obama signed into law the Pipeline Safety Regulatory, Certainty, and Job Creation Act. The new law doubles the maximum fine for safety violations to \$2 million; authorizes more pipeline inspectors; and requires automatic shut-off valves on new or replaced pipelines
- **February 2012:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requested \$177 million for Pipeline Safety, an increase of \$67 million above FY 2012 enacted levels, to support its Pipeline Safety Reform (PSR) initiative. The PSR expands the number of inspectors available to provide oversight to the system of pipelines and restructures the partnership between the federal and state entities responsible for enforcement and compliance in managing pipelines
- **March 21, 2012:** Issued the Implementation of the National Registry of Pipeline Operators Advisory Bulletin
- **March 23, 2012:** Issued Cast Iron Pipe Advisory Bulletin, an update to prior advisories which incorporated the latest survey and reporting requirements per the Pipeline Safety Act of 2011
- **March 27-28, 2012:** PHMSA held workshops on pipeline leak detection and the use of automatic/remote controlled valves. Total of 360 participants and 797 webcast views

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- **March 30, 2012:** Issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes new procedures to strengthen excavation damage prevention programs and increase penalties for violators